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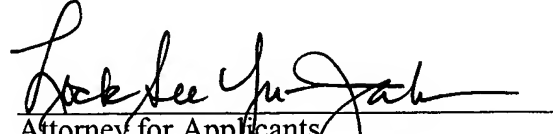
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is given in the attached English abstracts and on page 1 of the specification. Also, please note that U.S. Patent No. 6,003,078 is in the same patent family as JP 10-164181 and European Patent Application No. EP 1 004 976 A2 is in the same patent family as JP 2000-163225.

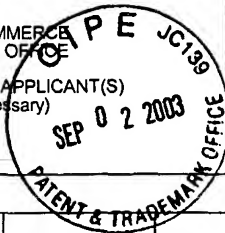
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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		<b>6,003,078</b>	<b>12/14/99</b>	<b>Kodimer et al.</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>224</b>	
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		<b>10-164181</b>	<b>06/19/98</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
		<b>2000-163225</b>	<b>06/16/00</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
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